Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Leslie Wong	2164
All Participants:	Status of Applicatio	n:
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Date of Interview: 4 January 2006	Time:	
Type of Interview:  ☐ Telephonic ☐ Video Conference ☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Appl  Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, provide a brief description: .	licant's representative)	
Part I.		
Rejection(s) discussed: Peterson		·
Claims discussed: 1 and 14		
Prior art documents discussed: Peterson		•
Part II.		
SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GER See Continuation Sheet	NERAL NATURE OF WHA	WAS DISCUSSED:
Part III.		
<ul> <li>It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separal directly resulted in the allowance of the application. of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.</li> <li>It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separal did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief sumn</li> </ul>	The examiner will provide a te record of the substance	written summary of the substance of the interview, since the interview
(Examiner/SPE Signature) (Application	ant/Applicant's Representat	ive Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner contacted Applicants' representative to discuss Applicants' response regarding the term "TOPOGRAPHY" and "COMPONENT". Examiner indicated that Peterson's topography reads on Applicants claimed "topography". The representative argued that his response clearly explained the differences between Peterson's topography and Applicants' claimed "topography". Further, the topologies described by Peterson relate to standard network topologies and are not interchangeable with Applicants' topographies. The representative argued that nowhere does Peterson suggest that the components used in Peterson's system are "topography neutral" and are adapted to "interoperate with more than one topography" as claimed by the Applicants. Importantly, Peterson does not teach or suggest analyzing a topography design that coresponds to a topography. Examiner suggested Applicants to further define the meaning of topography and component in an effort to clarify the claimed invention. Applicants agreed to do so and authorized the Examiner to make the changes via an Examiner's Amendment.

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